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TO URUGUAYAN FOREIGN MINISTER BLANCO

FOLLOWING IS MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY KISSINGER TO FOREIGN
MINISTER BLANCO: BEGIN TEXT
DEAR MR. MINISTER:

1. AS YOU AND OUR OTHER COLLEAGUES OF THE HEMISPHERE PRE-
PARE TO GATHER NEXT WEEK IN QUITO FOR THE MEETING OF THE
ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES I WANTED YOU TO KNOW HOW
MUCH I REGRET NOT BEING ABLE TO BE WITH YOU.

2. UNFORTUNATELY, THE MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS HAVE MADE
IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO ATTEND ON THE DATES ULTIMATELY
FIXED FOR THE SESSIONS IN ECUADOR. AT THE SAME TIME, IT
WAS NOT FEASIBLE UNTIL NOW TO MAKE KNOWN THAT I WOULD BE
TRAVELING IN THE MIDDLE EAST. YOU CAN READILY UNDERSTAND
HOW SENSITIVE THE TALKS ARE INVOLVING THE AREA AND THE
IMPORTANCE OF THOSE TALKS TO WORLD PEACE.

3. BECAUSE OF THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, I HAVE ASKED MY DEPUTY
AND CLOSE COLLEAGUE, BOB INGERSOLL, TO REPRESENT ME AT THE
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QUITO MEETING, ALONG WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY WILLIAM

ROGERS AND OAS AMBASSADOR BILL MAILLIARD. I HAVE THE FUL-
LEST CONFIDENCE IN THEM. THEY WILL, OF COURSE, BE FULLY

PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE IN ALL ASPECTS OF THE TALKS, AND
I SHALL EXPECT FROM THEM A FULL REPORT OF THEIR DISCUS-
SIONS WITH YOU WHEN THEY RETURN.

4. I PERSONALLY WILL BE FOLLOWING THE DEVELOPMENTS AT
THE QUITO MEETING CLOSELY. MY GOVERNMENT AND I ATTACH
GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE PROCEEDINGS AND TO THE FINAL
RESULT. BEST WISHES. HENRY A. KISSINGER. END TEXT. INGERSOLL

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